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## State wins top spot in energy conservation

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Kerala has, for the fourth consecutive year, won the top spot in the National Energy Conservation awards instituted by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Union Power Ministry.

The Energy Management Centre, Kerala, (EMC) stood first in the State Designated Agency (SDA) category for conservation efforts undertaken at the State-level in the 2020 edition of the awards, pushing Kerala to the top spot yet again.

Minister of State for Power (Independent Charge) R.K. Singh formally announced and presented the awards via video-conference from New Delhi.

In the past one year, industrial units and establishments in Kerala saved 581 million units (MU). The savings over the past five years are estimated at 4,100 MU, according to the Power Department. Electricity Minister M.M. Mani attributed the achievement to the efficiency of the EMC and the services rendered by the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) and the Electrical Inspectorate.

"Energy conservation commands equal importance alongside efforts to increase power generation," Mr. Mani said.